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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY; WISHTOYO
FOUNDATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOUG BURGUM,¹ et al.,

Federal Defendants

and

SABLE OFFSHORE CORP.,

Intervenor-Defendant.

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) Case No. 2:24-cv-05459-MWC-
) MAA

JOINT STATUS REPORT

) Honorable Michelle Williams
) Court
) United States District Judge

¹ Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Mr. Burgum is automatically substituted for Debra Haaland, formerly Secretary of the Interior.

1 Federal Defendants, Plaintiffs, and Intervenor-Defendant (“Parties”),
2 consistent with the Court’s Order, ECF No. 42, have conferred on this matter and
3 provide the following status report:

4 Due to the recent change in administration on January 20, 2025, there is new
5 Department of the Interior leadership. Those new agency officials are currently in
6 the process of onboarding and familiarizing themselves with the issues presented in
7 this case. Because that process is still ongoing, Federal Defendants are not
8 prepared at this time to propose additional briefing deadlines regarding voluntary
9 remand.

10 To provide new leadership with sufficient time to familiarize themselves
11 with these issues and determine how they wish to proceed, the government
12 respectfully requests that the Court provide Federal Defendants 15 additional days
13 to determine whether to continue pursuing a voluntary remand or take some other
14 course of action. This will promote the efficient and orderly disposition of this
15 case, including by ensuring that any further briefing on voluntary remand before
16 this Court will reflect the views of current agency leadership. Plaintiffs and
17 Intervenor-Defendant do not oppose providing Federal Defendants an addition 15
18 days to determine their course of action regarding voluntary remand.

19 The Parties therefore propose filing another joint status report addressing
20 potential briefing deadlines regarding voluntary remand in 15 days, on February
21 21, 2025.

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24 Dated: February 6, 2025

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